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SIGNING OF MOU WITH MAURITIUS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India and the Government of Mauritius have signed a Memorandum of Understanding MoU for co-operation in various fields of development;and

(b) if so, the main features of the MoU and the benefits that are likely to accrue to India as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) Yes. The Government of India and Government of Mauritius have signed a number of Agreements/ Memorandum of Understanding over the years covering the entire gamut of India- Mauritius bilateral relations.

(b) The bilateral Agreements/MOUs cover various fields of bilateral cooperation including in political, security, defence, trade and economic, science & technology etc. As a result thereof, the relations between India and Mauritius have diversified and strengthened to mutual benefit. This is reflected in the regular exchanges at the highest political levels between the two countries. Mauritius has supported India in the international fora including its consistent support for India's candidature for a permanent seat at the UN Security Council. The strengthening of political ties is having a positive effect on the economic relationship between India and Mauritius; India has emerged as a major supplier of goods and services to Mauritius.